

COMMONWEALTH BUREAU OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS.

MINIMUM NOMINAL WEEKLY RATES OF WAGE AND PRESCRIBED HOURS OF
LABOUR FOR EMPLOYEES IN MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA AT

30th JUNE, 1958

(Rates of Wage are quoted from Awards, Determinations or Agreements operative
at 30th June, 1958)

ADULT MALES

Industry and Occupation	Wage Rate	Hours	Remarks	Source (a)
<u>WOOD, FURNITURE, SAWMILLS, ETC.</u>				
	s. d.			
<u>COOPERING</u> -				
Cooper	348/-	40		Coopers (Comm'th) Agreement
<u>FURNITURE</u> -				
Cabinet Maker	335/-	") Furnishing Trades (Comm'th) Award
Chairmaker	335/-	"		
French Polisher	335/-	"		
Wood Carver	335/-	"		
Wood Machinist	335/-	"	"A" Grade Machinist	
<u>SAWMILLING & TIMBER YDS.-</u>				
Box and Case Maker	300/-	") Timber Workers (Comm'th) Award
Labourer	274/-	"	"Experienced" (i.e. with 3 months experience)	
Machinist -				
Boults Carver	330/-	"	) "A" Grade machinists
Moulding	330/-	"		
Planing	330/-	"		
Shaping	330/-	"		
Orderman	308/-	"		
Sawyer -				
Band or Jig	335/-	"	Log band sawyer	
Circular	327/-	"	Cutting a depth of at least 7½"	
Tallyman	303/-	"	Man who keeps an account of timber	
<u>ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOILERMAKING</u> -				
Boilermaker	335/-	40) Metal Trades (Comm'th) Award
Helper	283/-	"	Assisting an employee whose margin is 27/6 or more	
Labourer	269/-	"	With not less than 3 months experience	
<u>ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION</u> -				
Electrical Mechanic	335/-	") Metal Trades (Comm'th) Award
<u>ELECTRICAL SUPPLY</u> -				
Electrical Fitter	358/-	"	) Include 20/- power station allowance
Instrument Maker	383/-	"		
Linesman	338/-	"	"A" Grade	
Sub Station Main- tenance Fitter	338/-	"		
<u>ENGINEERING</u> -				
Blacksmith	337/6	") Tradesman
Brassfinisher	335/-	"		
Coppersmith	337/6	"		

(a) Commonwealth - refers to awards etc. of the Commonwealth Conciliation and
Arbitration Commission. State - refers to determinations of Victorian Wages Boards.

WAGE RATES AND HOURS, 1906-1907, LONDON, 30th JUNE, 1908 (Cont'd.)

Trade, by and Occupation	Wage Rate	Hours	Remarks	Notes
<u>235 WORKING (Cont'd.)</u>	s. d.			
Setter	335/-	40)
Labourer	269/-		With not less than 3 months experience	
Turner	337/6	"		
Shaper	335/-	"	Machinist 1st Class	
Striker	287/6	"	On double fires	
Turner	335/-	"		
<u>FOUNDRY -</u>)
Coremakers-machine	310/-	"	After 18 months experience	) Metal Trades (Comm'th) Award
Coremakers-jobbing	335/-	"		
Dressers		"	Shot & sand blast - other	
Furnaceman	305/-	"	Cupola	
Moulders-machine	310/-	"	After 18 months experience	
Moulders-jobbing	335/-	"		
<u>SHEET METAL WORKING -</u>)
Cannister Maker	290/-	"	By hand	) Metal Trades (Comm'th) Award
Machinist	282/-	"	Power - not elsewhere specified	
Solderer	285/-	"		
Sheet metal worker 1st Class	335/-	"		
Sheet metal worker 2nd Class	310/-	"		
<u>FOOD, DRINK, ETC.</u>				
<u>BAKING (BREAD) -</u>				
Board Hand	362/6	40		Bread Trade Board (State)
Bread Carter	335/6	"		Bread Carters Board (State)
Ovensman	362/6	"		) Bread Trade
Single Hand	385/10	"		) Board (State)
<u>BAKING (BISCUITS & CAKES) -</u>)
Baker	313/-	"		) Biscuit Board (State)
General Labourer	283/-	"		
Mixer	313/-	"		
<u>BREWING -</u>				
Cellarman	310/-	"		The Liquor Trades (Breweries) Award (Comm'th)
Driver (Motor 3 tons)	305/6	"		Transport Workers (General) (Comm'th)
Labourer	302/-	"		The Liquor Trades (Breweries) Award (Comm'th)
Malt Hand	308/-	"		Liquor Trades (Maltsters) Award (Comm'th)
Towerman	310/-	"		Liquor Trades (Breweries) Award (Comm'th)
<u>BUTCHERING (RETAIL) -</u>				
Carter (1 horse)	303/-	"		) The Meat Industry (Shops and Smallgoods Factories) Award (Comm'th)
General Butcher	335/-	"	Acts as Shopman or is principally engaged in cutting for window display	

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES, MELBOURNE, 30TH JUNE, 1958 (Cont'd.)

Industry and Occupation	Wage p. hr.	Hours	Remarks	Source	
<u>FOOD, DRINK, ETC. (Cont'd.)</u>					
s. d.					
<u>BUTCHERING (Cont'd.)</u>					
Shopman	335/-	40			
Smallgoods maker	328/-	"			
<u>CONFECTIONERY</u>					
Confectioner (Grade 1)	320/-	"		) Confectioners Board) (State)
Storeman	306/6	"			
<u>JAM MAKING -</u>					
General labourer	287/-	"	With 4 months or more experience	) Food Preservers) Award (Comm'th)
Solderer	292/-	"			
<u>MEAT PACKING -</u>					
Capper	341/-	"		) Meat Preservers) Board (State)
Guillotine Hand	353/10	"			
Jockeyman	337/-	"			
Packer	337/-	"			
Seamer	341/-	"			
<u>MILLING (FLOUR) -</u>					
Miller (Shift)	385/-	"	In charge of a shift in mill exceeding 10,000 lb. flour per hour)	
Packerman	323/-	"			
Purifierman	327/6	"			
Smuttermen	327/6	"	With power to engage or dismiss hands	) Flour Millers) Award (Comm'th)
Storeman (Head)	338/-	"			
Topman	327/6	")	
<u>PASTRYCOOKING -</u>					
Packer	281/-	"		) Pastrycooks Board) (State)
Pastrycook	332/-	"			
<u>CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS, ETC.</u>					
<u>BOOTMAKING -</u>					
Clicker	317/-	40	Clicking outside (other than felt fabric roans or splits)	Footwear Manufactur- ing Industry Award (Comm'th)	
<u>TAILORING (ORDER) -</u>					
Cutter	358/-	")	
Presser	320/-	"			
Tailor	331/-	"			
<u>TAILORING (READYMADE) -</u>					
Cutter	336/-	"		) Clothing Trades) Award (Comm'th)
Presser	320/-	"			
Tailor	331/-	"			
Trimmer	320/-	"			
<u>TEXTILE WORKING</u>					
<u>(WOOLLEN MILLS) -</u>					
Carder	295/-	"	Balling-up card operator	) Textile Industry) (Woollen and) Worsted Section)) Award (Comm'th)
Dyehouseman	295/-	"			
Labourer (General)	266/-	"	Responsible for mixing of liquors and working of bowls		
Scourer (Wool)	304/6	"			
Spinner	295/-	"	Jacquard loom after 2 years experience		
Loom Tuner	333/-	"			
Warper (Plain)	298/-	")	
<u>BOOKS, PRINTING, BINDING, ETC.</u>					
<u>BOOKBINDING -</u>					
Finisher	335/-	40		) Graphic Arts Award) (Comm'th)
Bookbinder	335/-	"			
Paper Ruler	335/-	"			

WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES, 30TH JUNE, 1952 (Cont'd.)

Industry and Occupation	Wage Rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
<u>PRINTING, PUBLISHING, BOOKBINDING, ETC. (Cont'd.)</u>				
<u>PRINTING (DAILY NEWSPAPER)</u>	3. 3.			
Compositor (Machinist) -				
Day Work	475/6	38		) Printing Industry
Night Work	514/6	38		) Employees Union
				) Agreement (Unregistered)
Machinist -				
Day Work	435/6	40		) Victorian Printing
Night Work	470/6	38		) Operatives Union
				) Agreement
Publisher -				
Day Work	358/9	40		) (Unregistered)
Night Work	393/9	38)
Reader -				
Day Work	435/-	40		) Printing Industry
Night Work	470/-	38		) Employees Union
				) Agreement (Unregistered)
Stereotypist -				
Day Work	431/-	39		) Victorian Printing
Night Work	466/-	38		) Operative Union
				) Agreement (Unregistered)
<u>PRINTING (JOBBER OFFICES)</u>				
Compositor	357/6	40)
Linotype Operator	357/6	")
Machinist	335/-	"	e.g. Letterpress Machinist	) The Graphic Arts
Reader	342/6	"		) Award (Comm'th)
Stereotypist	335/-	")
<u>OTHER MANUFACTURING</u>				
<u>BRICKMAKING -</u>				
Burner	314/-	40)
Pitman	334/6	"	Other Facemen (other bricks)	) Brick Trade Wage
				) Board (State)
Drawer	326/-	"	Employed in Hoffman Kilns)
Trucker	308/-	")
Setter	326/-	")
<u>VEHICLE BUILDING -</u>				
Bodymaker, 1st Class	335/-	")
Labourer	263/-	")
Painter	327/6	"		) Vehicle Industry
Spring fitter	335/-	"		) Award (Comm'th)
Trimmer	327/6	")
Wheelwright	335/-	")
<u>GAS-MAKING AND SUPPLY -</u>				
Coke Trimmer	284/-	"		) Gas Employees (Vic etc.) Award (Comm'th)
Gasfitter	347/6	"		) Plumbers Board (State)
Labourer	278/-	"		) Gas Employees (Vic etc.) Award (Comm'th)
Meter Tester	313/-	"		) Gas Meter Board (State)
Service Layer	305/6	")
Service Layer, 1st Labourer	281/-	"		) Gas Employees (Vic etc.) Award (Comm'th)
Stoker	303/-	"	Stoker vertical retorts)
<u>JEWELLERY -</u>				
Chainmaker	325/6	"	Melter and Alloyer	) Jewellers Board
Mounter	353/-	"	Precious gem mounter	) (State)
Setter	353/-	"	Setter of precious gems)
<u>LEATHER AND CANVAS WORK -</u>				
Canvas Worker	312/-	"		) Saddlery, Leather
Leather Worker	312/-	") Canvas Workers Award (Comm'th)
<u>TANNING AND CURRYING -</u>				
Labourer	313/6	")
Labourer	283/6	")
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Shoemaker	324/-	") Tanning Industry
Saddling	338/6	") Award (Comm'th)
Unhairing	313/6	")
Tanning	313/6	")

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES, MELBOURNE, 30TH JUNE, 1958 (Cont'd.)

Industry and Occupation	Wage Rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
<u>BUILDING *</u>				
Bricklayer	398/4	40	All other bricklayers	} Bricklayers Board (State)
Bricklayer (sewer and tunnel)	413/11	"		
Carpenter	402/6	"		} Carpenters Board (State)
Mason (stone)	342/-	"		
Painter	395/10	"		} Painters Board (State)
Paperhanger	392/8	"		
Signwriter	392/8	"		} Plasterers Board (State)
Plasterer (surface)	398/4	"		
Plumber	418/5	"		} Plumbers Board (State)
Labourer -				
Bricklayer's	342/6	"	} Builders Labourers - Ordinary	} Builders Labourers Board (State)
Carpenter's	342/6	"		
Concrete Worker	342/6	"	} Builders Labourers - Skilled	}
Earth excavator	342/6	"		
Gear worker	364/2	"		
Scaffold hand	364/2	"		
<u>RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY SERVICES</u>				
<u>RAILWAYS -</u>				
Engine Driver Loco -				
Steam, diesel electric or electric	398/-	φ	Driver loco or electric train after 1st year	} Locomotive Engine-men's Award (Comm'th)
Driving 120 miles or more per shift	413/-	φ		
Shunting engine	339/6	φ	Driver (shunting) - After 1st year	
Fireman				
Ordinary	315/6	φ	Fireman-After 1st year	} Railway Traffic, Permanent Way and Signalling Wages Staff (Comm'th) Award
Working 120 miles or more per shift	323/-	φ		
Shunting engine	296/6	φ	Fireman (shunting), after 2nd year	
Guard -				
1st Class	356/-	φ	5th year of service	}
2nd Class	341/-	φ		
Porter	300/6	φ	Parcels Assistant Class 1, 2nd year of service	} Tramway Employees (Melbourne) Award - (Comm'th)
Shunter -				
Leading	359/6	+	Leading, Class 1, 2nd year of service	
Ordinary	317/-	+	3rd year of service	
Signalman -				
1st Class	353/-	φ		
2nd Class	336/-	φ		
3rd Class	323/-	φ		
<u>TRAMWAYS -</u>				
Conductor -				
1st year	286/-	40		} Tramway Employees (Melbourne) Award - (Comm'th)
2nd year	300/6	"		
Thereafter	300/6	"		
Labourer	281/-	"		
Track Repairer	289/-	"		
Tram Driver	308/-	"		
Pitman	312/-	"		

* Rates are weekly equivalents of hourly rates. They include allowances for leave, holidays, following the job, etc.

φ 80 hours per fortnight.

+ 76 hours per fortnight.

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS - ADULT MALES, MELBOURNE, 30TH JUNE, 1908 (Cont'd.)

Industry and Occupation	Wages Paid	Hours	Remarks	Source
<u>TRANSPORT (GRIFF)</u>				
<u>CARRYING MERCHANDISE -</u>	s. d.			
Carter -				
1 horse	283/6	40)
2 horses	298/-	")
Stable hand	278/-	"		) Transport Workers
Motor lorries and waggons -				) (General) Award -
3 tons	305/6	"		) (Comm'th)
Over 3 tons but under 6 tons	315/-	")
<u>WHARF LABOUR -</u>				
Wharf labourer (per hour)	10/4			Waterside Workers Award (Comm'th)
<u>HOTELS, ETC.</u>				
<u>HOTELS -</u>				
Barman	300/-	40)
Billiard marker	280/-	")
Cook	375/-	"	1st cook, 8 or more persons employed in kitchen	) Liquor Trades
				) (Hotels and Wine Saloons) Award -
				) (Comm'th)
Handyman	280/-	")
Kitchenman	280/-	")
Porter	280/-	")
Waiter	280/-	")
<u>HAIRDRESSING -</u>				
Hairdresser (Mens)	328/-	"		Hairdressers Board (State)
<u>GENERAL LABOUR</u>				
<u>FACTORY ENGINE DRIVING -</u>				
Engine Driver -				
1st Class	323/-	40	With condenser)
2nd Class	312/6	"	" "	) Engine Drivers and
Fireman -				) Firemen (General)
1st Class	305/-	"		) Award - (Comm'th)
2nd Class	292/6	")
<u>MUNICIPAL</u>				
Labourer	290/6	"		Municipal Employees
Street Sweeper	296/-	"	Cleansing labourer	(Melbourne City Council) Agreement (Comm'th)
<u>SHOP ASSISTANTS -</u>				
Boot Salesman	313/-	"		Shops Board No. 1 (Boot dealers) (State)
Drapery Salesman	313/-	"		Shops Board No. 9 (Drapers and Mens Clothing) (State)
Furniture Salesman	317/-	"		Shops Board No. 14 (Furniture Dealers) (State)
Grocery Salesman	307/6	"		Shops Board No. 15 (Grocers) (State)
Hardware Salesman	313/-	"		Shops Board No. 16 (Hardware) (State)
Men's Clothing Salesman	313/-	"		Shops Board No. 9 (Drapers and Men's Clothing) (State)
<u>STOREMEN AND PACKERS -</u>				
Packer (General)	306/6	") Storemen, Packers and Sorters Board
Storeman (General)	306/6	") (State)

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WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, AT RETAIL PRICES, COMMONWEALTH 3000 DOLL. 1958 (Cont'd.)

Industry and Occupation	Wage Rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
<u>SHOPS (Cont'd.)</u>	S. D.			
Fruit and Confectionery Saleswoman	218/-	40		Shops Board No. 19 (Confectionery etc.) (State)
Newsagent and Bookstall Saleswoman	211/-	"		Shops Board No. 21 (Booksellers and Newsagents) (State)

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